



Sandra Jean Patten

May 3, 1964 - June 21, 2026

Sandra Jean Patten, 62, of Grenola, KS, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Sandra was born on May 3, 1964, in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Charles Leo and Lorraine Jean (Siuta) Rizzuto.

Sandra worked many years as a CNA, at both Twilight Manor in Howard and Pleasant Valley Manor in Sedan, KS. Helping others was an important part of her life. When not working, Sandra enjoyed going fishing, hunting for special rocks, traveling, and archeology. She also enjoyed painting, going dancing and singing karaoke.

After several years of dating, on June 15, 2013, Sandra married Kenneth Henderson, who survives at their home. Sandra loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and her friends.

Including her husband Kenneth, Sandra is survived by:

Children:

Michael Patten and wife April of Carr, CO

Claudia Patten of Caney, KS

Joseph Patten of Colorado

Justin Rizzuto and Britini of Baytown, TX

Siblings:

Charles Joseph Rizzuto and wife Sandi of Idaho Springs, CO

Lauriann Marie Lange and husband Ralph of Copan, OK

Mary Robin Newmaster of Copan, OK

Nine Grandchildren, Three Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother-in-law Chad Newmaster

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 1:30 pm at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard. Memorials in her memory have been suggested to the Chautauqua County Humane Society and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 1:30 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Tribute Wall



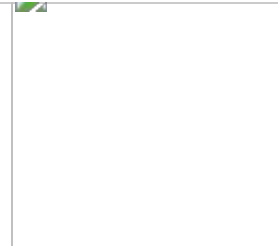
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April Patten - July 07 at 04:06 PM



“ Sandy was a loving and very passionate person. She always tried to make herself available for her family and she loved her dogs as if they were her children. She was an awesome grandmother to all of her grandchildren. She was the best mother in law a girl could ever ask for. She will be sorely missed.



April Patten - June 27 at 09:05 PM



“ *My favorite memory. When we lived in Lakewood Colorado; Sandy was 13. We were all sitting in the livingroom watching TV, except for Sandy, she was standing and very slowly meandering across the room towards our brother Chuck. Nobody really noticed that there was purpose in her movements. She had been angry with Chuck earlier in the day, but that argument had ended hours ago... Chuck was sort of in the far corner of the room and eventually Sandy was standing pretty close to him. As soon as she was right in front Chuck, Sandy suddenly sprang into action, she reared back and slapped Chuck across the face open handed! She then turned around and ran out of the room. It all happened so fast, she was gone before Chuck had time to sit all the way up. We all looked at each other, shocked, and then.... Chuck bursted out laughing, and so did Robin and I!! I'm still laughing about that every time I think of it! Rest in peace little Sis!*

Laurie Rizzuto - June 26 at 11:46 PM



“ *Loved it when she came to work at pvm and brought her son because she had to work for a living and not about to leave him home*

Linda Ward - June 26 at 06:37 PM